



info memo – March 30, 2007

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Postcards Mailed for Free Trash Bags

The City has mailed postcards to sanitation customers which will entitle most of those customers to 200 free plastic trash bags. The postcard must be brought to the City's Maintenance Center at 1700 W. Detroit between the hours of 8 a.m. and 6 p.m., beginning Monday, April 16.

Drive-through pickup service will be available at that site April 16-21 and again April 23-28. Signs will be posted throughout the area directing motorists to the delivery area. City workers will be present to hand out the four rolls of 50 bags each to those bringing their postcards.

The first three days are usually the heaviest in terms of traffic, so plan accordingly.

Sanitation customers who are disabled and unable to get to the delivery area may call 259-8373 before April 28 and the bags will be delivered. (The phone number listed on the postcards is incorrect. The City apologizes for any inconvenience.)

Free Spring Clean-up Day May 5

Residents of Broken Arrow who have been waiting to get rid of yard trash, trash from their garage, old furniture and even some appliances don't have to wait much longer. The City's annual Free Spring Clean-up Day is Saturday, May 5.

The event will be held again at the City's Maintenance Center, 1700 W. Detroit. City workers will be available to help unload items. There will be a separate area for brush, tree limbs, etc. The center will be open from 7 a.m. to 4 p.m.

No appliances with Freon or other hazardous gases in them will be taken.

Old tires, batteries, compressors with freon or other gasses, oil, antifreeze and paint will not be accepted at the dump site, nor will any hazzardous materials.

Residents are reminded that there is a Recycling Center at 302 N. Elm Place, operated by The M.e.t. (Metropolitan Environmental Trust), being one of 12 in the metro area -- and by far the most successful of all the satellite centers.

Hours for the center are 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. on Sundays. After hours, there is a collection bin that remains open (without an attendant) 24 hours a day for the following items: newspaper, plastic #1 and #2; glass containers (clear, brown or green), but not glass plates, pyrex, ceramics, etc.; aluminum cans (please rinse); office paper; magazines no thicker than one inch; and steel cans (no pie plates, foil, etc.).

Accepted during regular business hours only, when an attendant is on duty, are oil and antifreeze (5-gallon limit per day on each item); batteries (household and car); scrap metal (chain link fence, guttering, tin roofs, pipe, etc.); and cardboard (corrugated only).

Storm Warning Sirens Tested Monday

Barring the threat of severe weather in the area Monday, April 2nd, the City of Broken Arrow will be testing its storm warning siren system that day at 12 noon.

City workers stationed throughout the community will monitor the tests to be certain that all sirens are working properly.

Storm sirens in Broken Arrow are designed to be heard by those outdoors, although some residences and businesses are close enough to the sirens that they also hear the warnings.

If the threat of severe weather is present Monday, the testing will be postponed until Wednesday, April 4.

BACP Schedules Auditions for 'The Spitfire Grill'

The Broken Arrow Community Playhouse has announced auditions for its presentation later this spring of "The Spitfire Grill." Auditions will be held Sunday, April 1, starting at 5 p.m.

The cast includes three males and four females. Director Jana Anderson has requested that all those auditioning perform a folk song. They may bring a CD, perform a capella or bring sheet music for the accompanist.

Auditions will be held at the BACP theatre in The Main Place, 1800 S. Main.

City Announces Construction Schedule for Fire Station #6

On Sept. 13, 2005, the citizens of Broken Arrow approved a ballot item to move Fire Station # 6 from First Street next to the Police Department to Nienhuis Park to serve the north and eastern parts of the city.

Fire Station #6 is a completely new design from all of the other Fire Stations in the city. It will have 5 equipment bays and will house up to 14 fire fighters per shift. The current stations have 2 or 4 bays and house 5 to 10 firefighters per shift. This station is also designed with tornado resistant living quarters and will serve as a model for future stations.

The design firm of BKL Architects has worked closely with the Fire Department on the design. Fire Chief Dennis McIntire said that the final design is what the Fire Department needed. McIntire hired half of the fire fighters to man this station in September, 2006. They are fully trained and assisting at other fire stations until Fire Station #6 is constructed.

The remainder of the fire fighters for Fire Station #6, will be hired in the fall of 2007, and will be fully trained by the time the station is ready to open. The construction contract for Fire Station #6 will be advertised for bids on May 9, 2007. Bids will be opened on May 8, 2007, and the contract will be awarded by May 21, 2007. The construction time for the project is approximately 220 days, which will have the construction of the station completed in late December, 2007 or January, 2008. The City of Broken Arrow is looking forward to the addition of this new station to the fire protection system in the City.